

SUBSTANCE-AFFECTED CHILDREN

**Presented on:
March 3, 2008**

The James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing

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***State Court Administrative Office, Family Services Division-
Child Welfare Services***

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Substance Abuse/Child Welfare State Team
Michigan Department of Human Services
Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice***

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Parental substance abuse is one of the most prevalent and most challenging of the factors that lead to family interventions by Children's Protective Services (CPS) and the courts. Forty to 80 percent of the children that CPS confirms as victims of abuse and neglect live in homes with substance abuse problems. These children are nearly three times as likely to be abused and four times more likely to be neglected than children not living with substance abusing parents. Parental substance abuse is a factor for more than half of the children who enter the foster care system. Families that do not receive appropriate services to address alcohol and other drug use remain separated longer once the children enter foster care. Research has documented that children with substance-abusing parents are themselves more at risk than their peers for alcohol and drug use, delinquency, depression, and poor school performance. In many cases, timely and comprehensive treatment of the parental substance abuse can eliminate or reduce the need for foster care placement. Appropriate substance abuse prevention and treatment services may reduce the likelihood of children experiencing long-term negative consequences of their parents' substance abuse, including the children's own possible future substance abuse.

Children's stays in foster care can be prolonged by poor coordination and communication among courts, treatment providers, and child welfare agencies. These coordination problems result from differences in core values, training, funding, legal mandates, organizational cultures, timelines, and attitudes about substance abuse. Collaboration is a key to increasing positive outcomes for substance-affected families because collaboration ensures that everyone considers the whole family when providing services, the approach that most effectively serves these children and families.

In this program's opening session, Dr. Mark A. Sloane, Medical Director of the Center for Behavioral Pediatrics in Kalamazoo, and James Henry, MSW, Ph.D. Director, Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center at Western Michigan University will describe effective screening, comprehensive assessment techniques, and what those who intervene with families need to know about children and adolescents who have been affected by traumatic stress, substance-abusing parents, and prenatal alcohol/drug exposure.

Family drug treatment courts (FDTC) foster a collaborative approach by the courts, CPS, foster care workers, and treatment providers to effectively handle child abuse and neglect cases that involve parental substance abuse or dependence. FDTCs protect the best interests of the child through the committed efforts of the judge, treatment team, and parent to ensure the safety, timely permanency, and overall well-being of children. Meghan Wheeler, Project Director of the National Drug Court Initiative, and Judge Susan Dobrich of the Cass County Probate Court, will: (1) discuss the FDTC concept and explain how to use of the court's powers to engage and retain parents in substance abuse treatment; and (2) demonstrate the benefits of multi-disciplinary collaboration in child welfare cases involving substance abuse.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Judges, referees, and court staff
- Lawyer Guardians ad Litem
- Parents' attorneys
- Prosecutors and assistant attorneys general
- DHS, tribal, and private agency child welfare workers
- Department of Community Health staff, Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, and other substance abuse prevention and treatment providers
- Drug court personnel
- Other child welfare professionals

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REGISTRATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING. The cost is funded by Michigan's federal Court Improvement Program training grant. All training materials and lunch will be provided. Except for DHS workers, mileage and lodging will not be reimbursed and are the responsibility of individual attendees. To enable DHS workers to attend this training, the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice has generously agreed to reimburse their mileage and lodging expenses. Information about DHS worker reimbursement will be detailed in the L-letter related to this training announcement or in your confirmation letter.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. A confirmation letter will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. That letter will provide the agenda and additional details about the training.

Fill out and return the completed Training Registration form no later than February 21, 2008.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

We have applied for approval to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for LMSWs and LBSWs. Upon approval of that application, we will provide CEUs at no charge to qualified individuals who attend the entire portion of the training for which they register. To obtain CEUs, attendees must fill out the appropriate CEU forms and personally record their arrival and departure times on a sign in/sign out sheet. There will be no exceptions to these requirements.

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of rooms has been reserved until February 21, 2008 at Candlewood Suites, adjacent to the Henry Center.

Please Note: You are responsible for your overnight expenses; however, a special rate of \$65.00 has been negotiated. To make your reservation, contact Candlewood Suites directly at 517-351-8181. When making your reservation, to ensure that you receive our special reduced rate, please specify that you are attending the State Court Administrative Office --Child Welfare Services training.

If you have any questions, please call Julie Welch or Jennifer Doerr at 517-334-6060 ext. 833 or 836 or e-mail us at welchj@michigan.gov or doerrj@michigan.gov.

GETTING THERE

The Henry Center is located at 3535 Forest Rd., Lansing, MI 48910.
Directions can be found by going to the following websites:

Sheraton website: www.MSUHenryCenter.org

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

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(Please type or print legibly, because this information will be used for your name tag.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

CATEGORY: Please select the following category that most closely relates to your occupation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> LGAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Advocacy Center Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court Appointed Special Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Agency Foster Care/Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor/APA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DHS - CPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Referee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DHS – Other (Foster Care, Adoption, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education (Educator, ISD etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> __CPS __ Prosecutor __ Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: please list |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | _____ |

Length of Involvement with Child Protective Proceedings/Child Welfare: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Special Needs: _____

E-mail: _____

(Confirmations will be sent by e-mail only.)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Return completed registration form by February 21, 2008 to:

PAAM/CATS
116 W. Ottawa, Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48933
Fax: 517-334-7052

For further information, or if you require handicap access to facilities or special assistance at the program, please contact Jennifer Doerr at 517-334-6060 ext. 836 or e-mail her at doerrj@michigan.gov.

Space is limited, so please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire training. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have the scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend. If you must cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Ms. Doerr as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior confirmation from PAAM/CATS. **Onsite registration is not available.** Subject to space limitations, we will attempt to accommodate late registrants up to two weeks before the training dates.